

Old Town Historical Committee
September 8, 2008
Monday

5:45 PM
Minutes

Call to order: Mr. Jarvis called the meeting to order. Present for roll call were Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds and Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry. Also, in attendance were Mayor Ebert, Mr. Garrett (Main Street Program), Mr. Garvin (Main Street Program), Mr. Note (Landmarks) and Mr. Strayer (Development Director).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2008 meeting. Mr. Deeds seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry**
NAYS: **Motion carried.**

Pended Items:

06-01 Interurban Building Update

Mr. Jarvis has been in contact with Bill Sims in the building department. The bid proposals for Phase 1 of the Interurban are out and the response has been very light up to this point. The bid opening will be on September 29th.

Mayor Ebert stated that Babbert's came back with a \$40 price for the form to build the ballasts. It will be a three piece break away mold. The ballasts will then be drilled on site for installation.

08-06 Arts & Crafts Festival Status

Mr. Garrett stated that the festival is planned for October 18th and they have 3 vendors signed up already. The street closure is in the process of being approved by Mr. Snyder.

New Items for Discussion:

Mr. Deeds asked if anyone was looking into getting the clock fixed. It seems to have been broken for the last month or so.

Mr. Garrett stated that the gentleman that restored the clock is from Minnesota and is one of the few, if not only, people in the nation that can fix it. Though there were two Village people trained to back him up. Mayor Ebert will bring this up at the staff meeting and it will be discussed again at the next meeting of Old Town.

Mr. Jarvis stated that there has been some work done on the little in-fill building at the rear of the pharmacy in town. They used barn-siding and covered the windows. This is aesthetically more attractive, but not what Landmarks committee was looking for. There seems to have been a blatant disregard for Landmarks regulations.

Mr. Jarvis wanted clarification that this was not approved by Landmarks. It was not. Mr. Jarvis stated that it may be a code violation at some point and zoning may be able to look into it.

It was stated that the wooden structure may not meet fire code as it is the only entrance and exit to the apartment upstairs.

Mr. Jarvis stated that it was an alley as of 1910. It is unknown when or why it was enclosed.

Mr. Strayer will notify Mr. Neimeyer of the situation.

Mr. Garvin stated that Main Street Board voted that they are going to shorten the time-frame of the Farmer's Market from June 13th to September 14th next year. Fees will be changed accordingly for the vendors.

Old Business:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry asked if anyone has talked to Shaw about painting and scraping of his building.

Mr. Jarvis noted that Mr. Garrett is looking into the Main Street Grants for external maintenance that will address that situation.

Mr. Garrett stated that the grant application process isn't available until October and he doesn't want to have a complaint letter sent until there is a possible solution to the problem available.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to adjourn this meeting of the Old Town Committee and was seconded by Mr. Deeds.

VOTE:	AYES:	Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry
	NAYS:	

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.